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SUBJ EXPIRATION OF AGREEMENT RELATING TO COMMUNICATIONS CABLE

REF: A) STATE 047284 B) STATE 22728 C) PANAMA 0884

D) PANAMA 0820 E) PANAMA 0392 F) PANAMA 0239

SUMMARY: EMBSSSY HAS NOT TRANSMITTED NOTE AUTHORIZED BY REF B).
EMBASSY DOES NOT PROPOSE TO EXTEND CABLE AGREEMENT FOR ONE YEAR.
EMBASSY WOULD TRANSFER OWNERSHIP ENTIRE "CABLE" TO GOP ON EXPIR-
ATION OF 1949 AGREEMENT ON MARCH 31, 1974. USG RESPONSIBILITY
FOR MAINTENANCE "CABLE" WOULD BE LIMITED TO PORTION LYING WITHIN
CANAL ZONE AND ONLY UNTIL MICROWAVE SYSTEM INSTALLED AND OPERA-
TIVE. DRAFT NOTE BEING SENT SEPTEL. END SUMMARY

ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT CONCURRENCE WITH FAA REPLY TO
DAC CONCERNING INSTALLATION OF DAC MICROWAVE EQUIPMENT IN CANAL
ZONE, AND OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE THEREOF BY FAA.

1. EMBASSY HAS NOT RPT NOT TRANSMITTED NOTE AUTHORIZED BY REF (B).
2. EMBASSY IS NOT RPT NOT PROPOSING THAT 1949 AGREEMENT RELATING
TO A COMMUNICATIONS CABLE BE EXTENDED FOR ONE YEAR.

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3. EMBASSY PROPOSES, WITH SOUTHCOM, PANCANAL AND FAA

CONCURRENCE, TO TRANSFER OWNERSHIP OF ENTIRE "CABLE" TO GOP WITH EXPIRATION 1949 AGREEMENT ON MARCH 31, 1974. USG RESPONSIBILITY FOR "CABLE" MAINTENANCE WOULD BE LIMITED TO THAT PORTION "CABLE" LYING WITHIN CANAL ZONE "ABOUT 3/4 MILE IN LENGTH) AND ONLY UNTIL NEW MICROWAVE SYSTEM INSTALLED AND OPERATING.

4. EMBASSY ASSUMES DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN FOLLOWING POINTS:
(A) INSTALLATION OF MICROWAVE EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING ANTENNA ON ANCON HILL, WHICH EQUIPMENT WILL BE PURCHASED BY GOP CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION (DIRECCION DE AERONAUTICA CIVIL -- DAC); AND (B) OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MICROWAVE EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IN THE CANAL ZONE BY FAA. IF THIS ASSUMPTION CORRECT, FAA AREA MANAGER WILL SEND LETTER TO DAC IN REPLY TO DAC'S LETTER OF JANUARY 7, 1974, PROPOSING SAME. DAC REGIONAL OFFICE, ATLANTA, IN LETTER TO FAA AREA MANAGER, BALBOA, CANAL ZONE, DATED FEBRUARY 13, 1974, AUTHORIZED SUCH FAAA REPLY TO DAC BUT DEPARTMENT HAS NOT PROVIDED ITS CONCURRENCE TO FAA REPLY TO DAC.

5. PROPOSED DRAFT NOTE IS SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL.
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